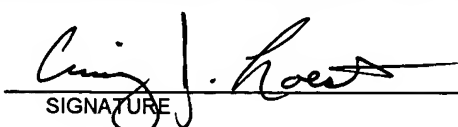


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>2002P01580WOUS<br><br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br>Unassigned <b>10/539816</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP2003/013785  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>12/05/2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>12/20/2002  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><p style="text-align: center;">VACUUM CLEANER COMPRISING A BASE COMPARTMENT FOR ATTACHMENTS</p>   |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><p style="text-align: center;">Erich Bott et al</p>  |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |  |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.   |   |  |
| 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).  |   |  |
| 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul>  |   |  |
| 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul>  |   |  |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> |   |  |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).   |   |  |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  |   |  |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).   |   |  |
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| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.  |   |  |
| 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.  |   |  |
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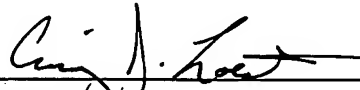
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